beg to present the First Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Fourth Report (Ninth Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) - Reservations for and employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Indian Railway Construction Company Limited.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tenth Report

[*English*]

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandsaur): I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Tenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 16th December, 1991."

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Tenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 16th December, 1991."

The motion was adopted

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We break for lunch and meet once again at 2.15 p.m.

13.11 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fifteen minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.22 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at twenty two minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*Translation*]

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to release adequate quantities of rice, Pulses etc to Tamil Nadu

*SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM (Arakonam): Sir, in Tamil Nadu, due to recent heavy rains, North Arcot Ambedkar District, Thiruvannamalai and Samburvarayar Districts have been badly affected resulting in damage to the standing crops there. As a result of this, the prices of rice, pulses, etc., have gone up which had affected the poor, labour and middle classes.

Arrangements should be made to make available to Government of Tamil Nadu huge quantities of rice. These commodities should be released through fair price shops. The price of rice and pulses should be fixed and made available through private shops as this will give the much-needed relief and, at the same time, provide relief to the poor, labour class and middle class people from getting them at the fixed price.

(ii) Need for early conversion of Jabalpur-Chandrapur metre-gauge line into broad gauge

[*Translation*]

SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT (Balaghat): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Jabalpur Chandrapur metre gauge railway line connects Chandrapura, Bhandara, Mandla, Balaghat, Seoni, Chhindwada and Jabalpur districts. Present railway line is more than one hundred years old and its structure has totally worn out. It will be dangerous to continue this

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*Translation of the matter originally raised in Tamil.